

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed February 25, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed herewith is a request for one-month extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 12, 2001, May 16, 2001, November 2, 2001, November 27, 2001, March 7, 2002, May 1, 2002, May 20, 2002, October 21, 2002, January 8, 2003, March 13, 2003, June 9, 2003, September 17, 2003, October 9, 2003, June 14, 2004, October 13, 2004, and October 27, 2004. **A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.**

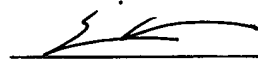
Claims 7-18 and 26-54 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claims 9, 13, 17, 28, 33-34, 37-38, 42-46, and 50-54 have been canceled. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 7-18, 26-32, 35, 36 and 39-54 (page 4, Paper No. 20050222). Accordingly, claims 7-8, 10-12, 14-16, 18, 26-27, 29-32, 35-36, 39-41, and 47-49 are now pending in the present application. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action rejects claims 37 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, asserting that claims 37 and 38 are redundant of claims 33 and 34. Claims 37-38 have been canceled and thus this rejection is moot.

Paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejects claims 33, 34, 37 and 38 as obvious based on JP 02-027320 to Takashi Aoyama et al. These claims have also been canceled and this this rejection is moot.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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